

Executive Minutes 18th Sept 2024

REPORTS

- Student Body President
 - Campus plan shared to fill questions
 - Committees that require nominations from the student body/student senate
 - Senator of the month: Recommendations are valued
 - Office hours are posted, be sure to update it and I personally have maintained flexibility
- Student Body Vice President
 - Office hour requirements/consequences
 - Aim to address the assembly about maintaining respect without engaging in unkind conversations in office and outside
- Director of Treasury
 - Bill on the floor tonight regarding allocating money to the WRIU tower reconstruction
- Director of Communications
 - QuadFest is upcoming on Oct 1st, will be in class but shall hope that students attend
 - Looking forward to Peacedale Congregational church's charity event
- Speaker
 - Emailed Markeisha Miner about speaking at the general assembly
 - Listed range of speakers for potential general assembly
 - Requested a motion to strike Provost Wolfe and introduce VP Ellen Reynolds
 - Requested a motion to edit the title of the minutes
 - Saw an article about Hayes scholarship (for students who are sick, have family emergencies) that can be shared and informed via DOC
 - Rather than having multiple special committees, we can work to have multiple liaisons
- Students Organizations Committee
 - No updates but meeting with a couple of clubs next week
- Academic Committee
 - No updates
 - Question: do we have Canva Pro
 - Nicholas: We don't but willing to look into it
- External Affairs Committee
 - Met with Chief of South Kingston Police about building a positive image on the video circulated showing negative physical altercation between police and URI Fraternity group
 - Parking will be enforced with signboards
 - Question: Who runs the Commuter affairs office?
 - Maureen: Dean of students office
 - Argha: they reached out to me and will have a booth in QuadFest. They have requested material for the QuadFest.
 - Seminar idea

- Volunteering: Chief of SK P.D requested for students to attend the Peacedale Congregational church's charity event with pumpkins
- Figuring out office hours
- Cultural Affairs Committee
 - ABSENT
 - Argha: Meilin gave me an update which is the following:
 - meeting with all the multicultural orgs to plan a cultural org fest
 - meeting with her committee members sometime this week
- Campus Affairs Committee
 - Met with VP Reynolds about menstrual product progress and mental wellness on campus (through housing, non profits)
 - plan to meet with my committee about this as well
 - Holding off on the blue light walk and campus cleanup, open to fun and creative ideas
 - Lauren: recommend a fun bingo for garbage that you are looking for (take a picture to motivate students)
 - Settling availability for office hours soon
- Director of MU: Maureen McDermott
 - Promote a fundraiser that commemorates the passing of URI Student in Narragansett — emphasizes the value of community
 - Spoken to variety of people in Senate regarding discomfort amongst members
 - As cabinet members of the Senate, you need to function at a high level, and you should set the standard for all members to follow
 - If Cabinet (paid positions) is not doing their job of office hours and roles, then a potential outcome could be that their stipends are limited/canceled for the month

EVENTS

- QuadFest October 1st
- Parlange beam signing event Sept 19th at 10am

QUESTIONS

- Hannah: please put my name (and Lauren and Sophia) for the volunteer list at Peacedale Church charity event X S.K Police Dept.
- Sophia: I am meeting with TAP so checking in about availability
- Argha: looking to serve on Narragansett committee

SUGGESTIONS

- Argha: Last week's meeting minutes were taken by who?
 - Lauren: Lynn Sawyer and Sophia Buono took them; this week's meeting minutes will be taken by Matthew Cayer
 - Argha: Looking for absences and presence in the meeting minutes
 - Lauren: shall implement that moving forward
 - Sanah: request to update the general meeting minutes and provide more detailed insight into my report
- Argha: Relating back to Maureen's conversation about elections, I intend to outline the expectations of the elections committee as we have nominations tonight, while reviewing our last election cycle..

- Kendall: could you share clarity on what was said last election cycle?
- Argha: last cycle, the Elections chair endorsed a candidate and upon bringing it up to the general assembly, there was an absence of acknowledgement of the incident
- Lauren: plan to give a presentation and address the rules/expectations of the elections committee
- Maureen: maintain neutrality surrounding national elections
- Sanah: please use the GroupMeet for update and informational purposes, avoid engaging in criticism as non-verbal communication is open to misinterpretation
 - Everyone: in agreement with this idea